

Southeast Region

Hurricane Katrina Report

September 7, 2005



The Type 3 Incident Management Team continues to expand its community service activities (clearing roads) throughout the local community, the Gulf Coast, and the North Shore of Lake Pontchartrain. The Lacombe, Louisiana site continues to provide support (food, water, fuel, a safe place to spend the night) to local police, fire departments, and law enforcement engaged in the search and rescue efforts in New Orleans and throughout the impact area.

The Lacombe site began supporting a local hospital by providing 200 meals to that facility for lunch yesterday, in addition to supplying breakfast and box lunches to Red Cross volunteers who are working in the area. The Red Cross volunteers are also being provided sleeping quarters, showers, etc. at the Lacombe facility.

A combined effort of ten Region 4 and five Region 2 employees is committed to the boat search and rescue operation based at the Mandalay NWR in Houma, Louisiana, working under the guidance of the St. Bernard Fire Department. This crew was very pleased to report the rescue of four individuals on Monday, September 5 and one more on Tuesday, September 6. Numerous people have refused transport assistance.

Region 4 Office of Law Enforcement agents are continuing to work with the FEMA search and rescue efforts throughout the disaster area. Yesterday they rescued 30 individuals off Canal Street in New Orleans.

Additional information

Media contact coordination is being handled by the Regional Office of External Affairs 404/679 7287.

Next scheduled report to DOI will occur within 24 hours of this communication.

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